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SPRING STREET SWEEPING UNDERWAY

Call 529-8177 for general information

Medicine Hat – The City of Medicine Hat's annual spring street sweeping starts Monday, March 19.

City crews are sweeping streets Monday to Friday from 5 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. This operation is anticipated to run until the end of May, weather permitting.

Crews will also be cleaning median islands from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. for the next two weeks.

"One Sweep, Clean Streets is our goal this year," says Tim Scory, Manager of Operations, Municipal Works. "Medicine Hat residents want the streets cleaned quickly and efficiently. We can achieve this when the streets are free of parked vehicles."

To ensure the safest and fastest cleanup of streets:
- Motor vehicles must be removed from a street when street sweeping signs are posted.
- Sweep loose gravel off sidewalks and boulevards onto the street.
- Advise children to keep a safe distance from the sweepers.
- Stay at least 15 metres away from the equipment and slow down.

The City displays large signs at the main entrances to neighbourhoods 24- hours in advance of sweeping an area. The City also displays smaller "No Parking in this Block" signs on the exact streets that will be cleaned.

"If you see these signs in your neighbourhood, remove your vehicles from the street," adds Scory. "Year after year, one of the most common concerns we receive is from residents who don't get the street in front of their home swept because a vehicle was parked on the street. If motor vehicles are removed from the street it will be swept. Vehicles left on the street jeopardize public safety, equipment operator safety and reduces efficiency."

Under Traffic Bylaw 2434 Section 18.5, violators can be ticketed or towed for not moving their motor vehicle within 12 hours of the signs being displayed. Bylaw Enforcement will be working with the Municipal Works Department in the enforcement of this bylaw.

For general information on street sweeping call Municipal Works at 529-8177 or visit the website at www.medicinehat.ca.

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